Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Eleanor Bjerkaas began her career with the state of South Dakota at the Human Services Center (HSC) as a psychiatric aide in 1965. She left to pursue other options and returned to HSC in 1991 and will retire as a custodial crew leader; and,

Whereas, Eleanor is committed to performing high quality work at HSC and has affectionately been known as "Ellie" by those who work most closely with her, especially the patients of the HSC Oak II Adolescent Treatment Program; and,

Whereas, Eleanor has been recognized for her contributions to HSC by receiving an Achievement Award and for being honored with HSC's Boomerang Award; and,

Whereas, Eleanor is an active participant in service to her community of Irene, South Dakota, where she is a member of the Red Hat Club and the Irene Rodeo Association; and,

Whereas, Eleanor enjoyed 40 years of marriage to her late husband, Robert, and is a caring mother to their children, Mike and Ruby, and a devoted grandmother to John, Matthew, and Sarah, and her newest pride and joy, great-grandson, Gage; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the many accomplishments of this dedicated state employee after 22 years of service:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 8, 2010, as

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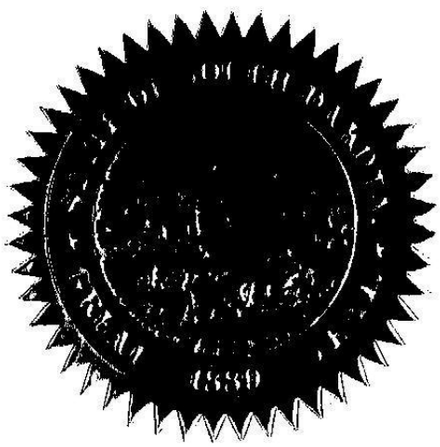
in South Dakota, and I join her family, friends, and colleagues in wishing her good health and happiness in her well deserved retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State